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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower in the East, and unchanged to lower, mostly unchanged in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady in the East, mostly steady elsewhere. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best for fast food and retail ads. Offerings covered the full range; floor stocks were balanced. In parts of the South, plants in the path of Hurricane Katrina had either reduced schedules or plant closures, and being closely watched for further developments. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Wings were tight, and breast items were mostly adequate. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared with drums most available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 29-AUG-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	65.75	16
Chicago	65.00-68.00	67.19	39 :	67.76	78
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	65.55	26
Denver	80.50	80.50	14 :	80.93	15
Detroit	67.00-69.00	68.67	12 :	70.75	62
Los Angeles	81.00	79.92	59 :	75.97	123
New York	66.00-69.00	67.77	26 :	67.78	56
Philadelphia	65.50-67.00	66.25	12 :	67.20	23
Pittsburgh	65.00-68.00	66.83	12 :	71.75	59
St. Louis	66.25-66.50	65.96	20 :	62.74	43
San Francisco	81.50	81.04	34 :	82.01	62

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	08/29/05	Change/Last Wk	08/22/05	08/30/04
563	71.38	.00	71.38	72.37

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	72.00-73.00	72.35	31
Central	57.00-75.00	70.03	82
Western	59.00-74.00	71.07	37

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	74.00-76.00	74.05	88
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,125	65.00-76.42	73.48

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	172.50	1,453
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	6,563
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50	1,478
THIGH MEAT - B/S	116.50	1,106
LEG QUARTERS	46.50	8,464
WINGS	85.50	3,231

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers limited order to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available for current inquiry. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breasts items were fully sufficient. Leg cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings and thighs were well cleared.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best into fast food for promotions and for active retail ads. Supplies were usually more than sufficient to handle trade needs. Some plants in coastal parts of Alabama and Mississippi were under hurricane and/or tornado warnings as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Therefore, those affected were either down or had reduced schedules. In the parts structure, trading was light to active, best for dark meat and wings which were barely adequate to tight. Breast items were at least sufficient with tenders in the closest balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last weeks' levels. The market tone was generally steady. Trading reported for this week deliveries at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to occasionally lower prices on new negotiations. Some southern producers curtailed slaughter schedules due to Hurricane Katrina, otherwise offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was disappointing but fair. Retailer demand moderate for whole body and good for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 47-50 and 4/10s 50.5-54, breast bone-in 93-104 and boneless 127-134, boneless thigh meat 110-118 and wings 90-93. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 63.55 down .41, with the volume reported at 29 loads up 7 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged in Detroit and Chicago, slightly lower into St. Louis from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone for whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings were adequate to tight for buyer needs. Retail and food service movement was light to moderate, best into features and fast food entities. Floor stocks were generally balanced; weights were desirable to light. Supplies of wings were tight, dark meat cuts were adequate to tight, and breast items were adequate. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings and dark meat items, and steady on breast cuts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as light and selective with many buyers holding additional receipts to bare minimums. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 67 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate. Leg cuts were adequate to well cleared. Wings were in good balance to closely cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	62-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair entering the week. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for current needs. Wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily; drums were fully adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, thighs, boneless skinless thighs and tenders. Breast items were no better than steady. Drumsticks were barely steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	131.41	431,400
TENDERLOINS	135	131.78	87,900
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	90.39	79,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.30	90,000
LEGS	61-62	63.90	79,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	46.13	299,600
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	60.00	48,800
THIGHS	53-54	61.64	58,600
B/S THIGHS	121-122	111.10	61,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	89.02	214,660
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.51	4,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	37.26	10,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.12	11,800

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,757	115.00-148.00	120-132	127.65
TENDERLOINS	203	128.00-185.00	128	128.76
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,458	34.00-44.00	42-43	41.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	810	44.00-47.00	44-45	44.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,793	32.00-54.00	48	48.02

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	08/29	08/25	08/25	08/22	08/18
Alabama	4,004	3,937	5.07	3,973	5.16
Arkansas	5,448	5,186	5.04	5,162	5.14
Delmarva	2,267	2,274	5.47	2,249	5.37
KY-LA-TN	1,928	2,231	4.73	2,261	4.93
Mississippi	1,909	3,079	5.46	3,105	5.37
North Carolina	2,538	2,466	6.26	2,455	6.31
Texas	2,475	2,428	4.99	2,542	5.28
Total	20,569	21,601	5.25	21,747	5.33
Mon	20,569(A)			21,747(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Aug 2005 is estimated to be 30,774,000 down 5.70 percent from a week ago.

and down 3.8 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,634,000 last year 31,987,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	471	125.00-145.00	127-132	129.73
TENDERLOINS	168	128.00-202.00	130-135	143.87
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	43.00-46.00	45	44.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,165	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	272	82.00-90.00	84-87	85.51
WINGS (CUT)	345	98.00-102.00	99-101	101.13
DRUMSTICKS	68	54.00-71.00	-	57.18
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	115	108.00-122.00	-	113.57

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR AUGUST 29, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00 - 54.50	52.62	52.45

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 29-26-AUG-2005.

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	116.00 - 140.00	127.00 - 137.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 106.00	80.00 - 87.00
LEGS	60.00 - 65.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43.00 - 53.00	44.00 - 46.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 55.00	47.00 - 49.00
DRUMSTICKS	45.00 - 63.00	-
THIGHS	50.00 - 56.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	82.00 - 97.00	85.00 - 88.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 60.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95.25-104.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93.75-106.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	105-107
DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-112
DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	93-95
DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS	180-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — **PRICES** — **VOLUME** —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.00-21.50	21.00-22.00	620,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.43	21.63		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-22.50	16.00-20.00	1,612,000	832,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.38	19.28		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00-19.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.67		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

AUGUST 26, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — **PRICES** — **VOLUME** —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	23.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		23.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.75-29.00	15.00-25.00	1,382,400	896,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.73	18.67		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-AUG-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16	12-14	13.24
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Sales of dressed product were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-AUG-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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